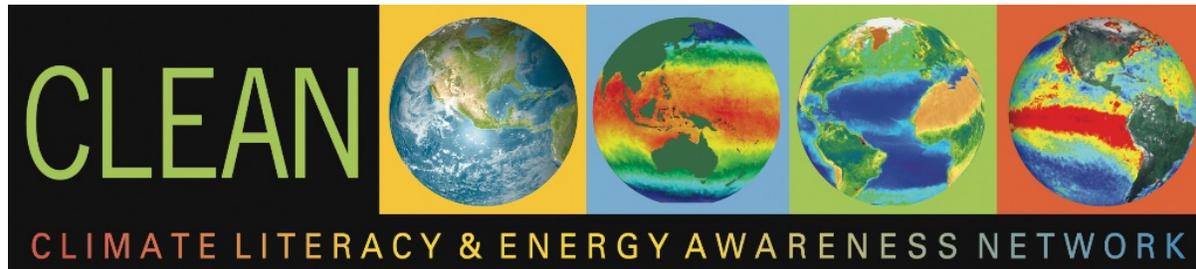
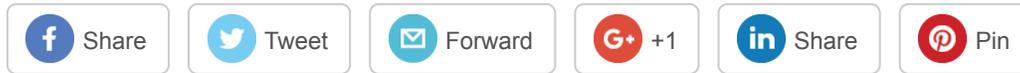


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Visualization: [Arctic Sea Ice Is Losing Its Bulwark](#)

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decades. Over the past several years, the Arctic ice sheet has been shrinking as more of the older ice melts away due to increasing global temperatures. In the 1980s, the multi-year older ice made up 20% of the ice sheet. Currently, it makes up only 3%.

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